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**Area 2A Non-treaty Directed Commercial Fishery Will Re-Open July 6**

The June 22 non-treaty commercial fishing period in Area 2A resulted in an estimated catch of 89,800 pounds, leaving approximately 103,600 pounds in the directed commercial allocation.

Area 2A will re-open on July 6 for 10 hours, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM local time. The fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, Washington (46°53'18" N. latitude) under regulations promulgated by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Fishing period limits as indicated in the following table will be in effect for this opening.

Vessel Class		Fishing Period Limit (pounds)	
Length	Letter	Dressed, head-on with ice/slime	Dressed, head-off without ice/slime
0-25	A	860	755
26-30	B	1,075	945
31-35	C	1,715	1,510
36-40	D	4,735	4,165
41-45	E	5,090	4,480
46-50	F	6,095	5,365
51-55	G	6,800	5,985
56+	H	10,225	9,000

The appropriate vessel length class and letter are printed on each vessel license.

**The fishing period limit is shown in terms of dressed, head-off weight as well as dressed, head-on weight, although fishers are reminded that regulations require that all halibut from Area 2A be landed with the head on.**

The fishing period limit applies to the vessel, not the individual fisher, and any landings over the vessel limit will be subject to forfeiture and fine.

NMFS implemented mandatory depth-based area closures that are in effect for the directed halibut fishery to protect specific rockfish species. For the exact coordinates of the closed areas, please visit: [http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/groundfish\\_closures/groundfish\\_closed\\_areas.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/groundfish_closures/groundfish_closed_areas.html) For further information, call the NMFS hotline at 800-662-9825, then press "7" for the halibut fisheries.

Due to the short notice, this notification is posted to our website only, and no paper copy has been mailed.

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